

REMARKS

Claims 40-51 were pending in this application when the present Office Action was mailed on January 23, 2008. In this response, claims 40, 43, and 51 have been amended. Claims 54-58 have been added. No claims have been cancelled. Accordingly, claims 40-51 and 54-58 are currently pending.

In the Non-final Office Action mailed on January 23, 2008, the Examiner rejected the above-mentioned pending claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102. The undersigned attorney wishes to thank the Examiner for engaging in a personal interview on May 15, 2008, during which the current rejection and possible amendments were discussed. The foregoing and following remarks summarize and expand upon the points discussed during the May 15 interview. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request that this paper constitute applicant's interview summary. If the Examiner notices any deficiencies in this regard, he is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney. For the reasons set forth in detail below, applicants submit that the present application, including each of pending claims, is in condition for allowance.

Overview

The claims of the current application are directed to, *inter alia*, a system for sharing recordings of a single event between multiple users. As described in the specification, the system is intended to support "low attention recording," in which the system records video and audio without requiring significant intervention by the person carrying the recorder. See Abstract. Thus, the person recording the event can participate in an activity being recorded without being restricted by the recording device. The system enables "social recording," in which multiple participants in an event are recording the event, by enabling users to record the event and send the recordings to each other. See para. 0015. The system may provide additional features to support this, such as enabling a user to mark a time or duration of interest in a particular

recording or to generate a new recording by editing together audio and video from multiple shared recordings of the event.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 40-51 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,550,754 to McNelly et al. ("McNelly"). Applicants have amended claim 40 to include the additional features of "marking a specified time of the first set of video data" and "associating a predetermined meaning with the marked specified time." Support for these amendments can be found at least in paragraphs 223-240 and paragraphs 403-407 of the specification. Thus, the system provides the capability to associate a meaning with a selected time in the video data.

Applicants respectfully submit that McNelly fails to disclose the features of amended claim 40. As discussed during the May 15 interview, McNelly discloses a video phone and answering machine. See McNelly, Abstract. The video answering machine in McNelly stores a video recording of an outgoing message and additional recordings of any messages received from callers. See McNelly, col. 11, ln. 60 and after. However, McNelly does not disclose transferring video recordings between devices. In addition, nothing in McNelly discloses "marking a specified time of the first set of visual data" or "associating a predetermined meaning," as included in amended claim 40. In fact, McNelly makes no mention at all of allowing the user or the system to associate a mark with a specified time in a video recording. Thus, applicants respectfully submit that the Section 102 rejection of claim 41 should be withdrawn for at least this reason.

Independent claim 51 includes features generally analogous to those discussed above with reference to claim 40 and dependent claims 42-50 depend from claim 40. Accordingly, the Section 102 rejections of claims 42-51 should be withdrawn for at least the foregoing reasons and for the additional features of these claims.


In addition, new claims 54-58 have been added in order to define the extent of applicants' technology. Support for claims 54 and 55 can be found at least in paragraphs 0230 and 0232. Support for claim 56 can be found at least in paragraph 0176. Support for claim 57 can be found at least in paragraphs 0280-0285 and support for claim 58 can be found at least in paragraph 0398. Applicants respectfully submit that these claims should be allowed at least for the reasons discussed above and for the additional features of these claims.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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